Allahabad, New Delhi, Old Delhi, Nizamuddin, Kalyan, Mumbai Central, Churchgate, V.T. Stations etc., who are posted at one place/post since long; and

(c) by when the proper/timely implementation of transfer rules would be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Railway employees holding sensitive posts and who frequently come into contact with public and/or contractors/ suppliers are required to be transferred every four years. In order to avoid large scale dislocation of staff, periodical transfer are, as far as possible, effected without involving a change of residence of the staff concerned, so long as the fundamental objective of sch transfers can be achieved by transferring such staff to a different location in the same station or to a different station in the same urban agglomeration. However, staff detected to be indulging in malpractices or having figured in substantiated vigilance cases are required to be transferred on inter-divisional/inter-railway basis.

similarly, tenure of posting of officers working on the Zonal Railways in the same post should not exceed four years. No fixed tenure has been prescribed for stay at a particular station.

(b) and (c) The above transfer policy is applicable to officers and employees working on all Zonal Railways including Jaunpur (City), Jaunpur, Varanasi, Mughalsarai, Alllahabad, New Delhi, Old Delhi, Nizamuddin, Kalyan, Mumbai Central, Churchgate, V.T. Stations, etc. Implementation of transfer policy is a continuous process.

Inter-City Train between Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam

1135. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has written to his Ministry for introduction of an Inter-city Express train between Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam as there is no direct train originating from Bhubaneswar to Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether this request has been made for development of trade between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) by when this direct inter-city train would be introduced, to meet the long pending demand of the people of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some representations including from Shri Navin Patnaik, Chief Minister, Orissa have been received.

(c) 7615/7616 Kacheguda-Palasa Visakha Express via Visakhapatnam has been extended upto Bhubaneswar from 22.02.2002 and is now running as 7015/7016 Bhubaneswar-Secunderabad Express. This is providing additional service for the Bhubaneswar-Visakhapatnam Passengers. Introduction of intercity train between Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Trolley at Nagpur Railway Station

1136. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received complaints from passengers regarding non-availability of trollies and high-handed behaviour of porters at Nagpur station

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is mandatory for the Railway authorities to provide trollies to the porters at the station;

(d) if so, the number of trollies provided at Nagpur station during the last three years; and

(e) whether these trollies are sufficient to handle luggage at the station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) One complaint has been received in the recent past regarding non-availability of trollies at Nagpur railway station. Though fifteen trollies are owned and maintained by the Union of Porters at Nagpur, Railway has also taken action to procure trollies.

(c) to (e) Though not mandatory, trollies are provided at major stations on the basis of traffic handled. No trollies were provided at Nagpur station